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# CORRESPONDENCE.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,  
7TH BRIGADE.

CAMP NEAR LEESBURG, VA., }  
SEPT. 4th, 1861. }

To Cols. Featherston & Burt:

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Capt. Co. B., 17th Reg., Miss Vols.

A. P. HILL,

Capt. Co. G., 18th Reg. Miss. Vols.

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W. S. FEATHERSTON.

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GENTLEMEN—Your note of the 2d inst., and accompanying statement of the parts taken by your Regiments in the battle of the 21st of July, have been handed me by Captains Jones and Hill, and I regret that my time, on account of an expected movement, does not give the opportunity of writing more fully and carefully. The communication in the *Express* signed "E," has been read over for the first time by me, in the copy of that paper handed me by the above named gentlemen. It is certainly a matter of great regret to me that any such remarks as those copied in your statement from the *Express* should have been published of any Southern troops, particularly of those with whom I have been so intimately associated.

In reference to the facts enumerated in your "statement," I can say very little with regard to what refers to your Regiments; my attention was almost entirely called to my own. Of the intensity of the fire I can speak; of the difficulty of the ground I can only say relatively, as

I have not had an opportunity of examining the grounds passed over by your Regiments. The route passed over by my Regiment was extremely difficult; hill-side, creek and undergrowth rendering a march difficult, while the ground passed over by the left Company (that next to the 18th Miss. Reg.) was so precipitous that the Company could not keep its alignment, and had to be reformed after passing the woods and creek.

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The command was nevertheless promptly obeyed. The 18th Regiment charged up and over the hill, followed by the 17th Regiment. The 17th Regiment at this time was standing in four ranks, with the right wing in front, immediately behind the 18th Regiment, and made the charge from this position, endeavoring to come into line as it proceeded up the hill. The charge was continued across the hill in front until a fence and were reached. This strip of woods covered a precipitous bluff, from thirty to fifty feet high, the side of which there was an impenetrable undergrowth

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Here the flags of the 17th and 18th Regiments were displayed and a reformation ordered, but found to be impossible, as the enemy were concentrating the fire of their batteries upon this point; in addition to this, the space was both too narrow and too rough for a prompt formation into line of battle at this point. The two Regiments dropped back, therefore, to the first open grounds, carrying their wounded with them, and there both regiments were formed.

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Correspondence  
Concerning Battle of  
Blackburns Ford.

17 + 18<sup>th</sup> M<sup>rs</sup>



# ROSTER

## OF THE

# 19th MISSISSIPPI REGIMENT,

*Enlisted at Richmond, Virginia, for the War June, 1861.*

NAMES.	REMARKS.
<b>Colonels.</b>	
CHRISTOPHER H. MOTT, .....	(Served in Mexico)—killed at Williamsburg, Virginia, May 5, 1862.
L. Q. C. LAMAR, .....	Resigned, and appointed Envoy to Russia.
N. H. HARRIS, .....	Promoted Brigadier-General, January 20, 1864.
THOS. J. HARDIN, .....	Killed May 12, 1864, at Spottsylvania Court-house.
RICHARD W. PHIPPS, .....	Served to close of War.
<b>Lieutenant-Colonels.</b>	
L. Q. C. LAMAR, .....	Promoted Colonel.
N. H. HARRIS, .....	Promoted Colonel.
W. G. VAUGHN, .....	Retired—disabled from wounds.
T. J. HARDIN, .....	Promoted Colonel.
RICHARD W. PHIPPS, .....	Promoted Colonel.
JAS. H. DUNCAN, .....	Served to end of War, died since termination of War.
<b>Majors.</b>	
BENJAMIN ALSTON, .....	Transferred to Cavalry.
JOHN MULLINS, .....	Transferred to Cavalry.
N. H. HARRIS, .....	Promoted Lieutenant-Colonel.
W. G. VAUGHN, .....	Promoted Lieutenant-Colonel.
T. J. HARDIN, .....	Promoted Lieutenant-Colonel.
THOMAS R. READING, .....	Resigned.
RICHARD W. PHIPPS, .....	Promoted Lieutenant-Colonel.
JAS. H. DUNCAN, .....	Promoted Lieutenant-Colonel.
ROBT. DEAN, .....	Resigned.
<b>Adjutants.</b>	
A. R. GOVAN, .....	Promoted Capt. Company B, 17th Reg't Miss. Volunteers, killed Sept. 20, 1863.
ALBERT L. PEEL, .....	Killed May 12, 1864, Spottsylvania Court-house.
JOHN H. McKIE, .....	Served to close of War.
<b>Quartermasters.</b>	
J. MACON THOMPSON, .....	Resigned.
JAS. ANDERSON, .....	Resigned.
W. H. BOUNDS, .....	Resigned.



**Commissaries.**

— MALONE.....	Died from wounds received Second Battle Manassas.
ANDY T. OWEN.....	Made Assistant Brigade-Quartermaster.

**Surgeons.**

J. W. SMITH.....	Transferred.
— HYER.....	Transferred.
R. H. PEEL.....	Transferred.
JNO. W. SHARPE.....	Served to close of War.

**Assistant Surgeons.**

— HYER.....
H. A. MINOR.....
J. W. SHARPE.....

**Chaplains.**

T. L. DUKE.....
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**[Ensigns.]****Sergeant-Majors.**

OSCAR BARBOUR.....	Transferred.
A. L. PEEL.....	Promoted Adjutant.
WM. MEADOWS.....	

**Captains Company A.**

J. M. MACON.....	Mortally wounded 5th of May, 1862, Williamsburg, Va.
CHAS. M. THOMAS.....	Wounded and retired.
I. Q. PERRY.....	Wounded and retired.
CHAS. BURRAGE.....	Wounded 6th May, 1864, died from wound.

**First Lieutenants.**

CHAS. M. THOMAS.....	Promoted Captain.
I. Q. PERRY.....	Promoted Captain.
M. M. LINDSEY.....	Promoted Captain and Aid Camp, Major-General Wilcox's Staff.
CHAS. BURRAGE.....	Promoted Captain.

**Second Lieutenants.**

I. Q. PERRY.....	Promoted First Lieutenant.
M. M. LINDSEY.....	Promoted First Lieutenant.
CHAS. BURRAGE.....	Promoted First Lieutenant.

**Junior Second Lieutenants.**

M. M. LINDSEY.....	Promoted Second Lieutenant.
CHAS. BURRAGE.....	Promoted Second Lieutenant.



**Captains Company B.**

W. G. MARTIN.....  
GEO. NORRIS.....  
— GREGORY.....  
— RILEY.....

Resigned.  
Died from wounds received at the Battle of Frazier's Farm, June 30, 1862.  
Murdered by Private Wilson.  
Served to close of War.

**First Lieutenants.**

GEO. NORRIS.....  
— GREGORY.....  
— RILEY.....

Promoted Captain.  
Promoted Captain.  
Promoted Captain.

**Second Lieutenants.**

— MARTIN.....  
— GREGORY.....  
— RILEY.....

Resigned.  
Promoted First Lieutenant.  
Promotee First Lieutenant.

**Junior Second Lieutenants.**

— GREGORY.....  
— RILEY.....

Promoted Second Lieutenant.  
Promoted Second Lieutenant.

**Captains Company C.**

N. H. HARRIS.....  
THOS. J. READING.....  
J. W. SMILEY.....

Promoted Major.  
Promoted Major.  
Served to close of War.

**First Lieutenants.**

THOS. R. READING.....  
J. W. SMILEY.....  
WILLIAM HANNON.....

Promoted Captain.  
Promoted Captain.  
Resigned.

**Second Lieutenants.**

MARION B. HARRIS.....  
J. W. SMILEY.....  
WILLIAM HANNON.....

Wounded at Gaines' Mill, Va., and died from wound.  
Promoted First Lieutenant.  
Promoted First Lieutenant.

**Junior Second Lieutenants.**

J. W. SMILEY.....  
WILLIAM HANNON.....

Promoted Second Lieutenant.  
Promoted Second Lieutenant.

**Captains Company D.**

CHESLEY S. COFFEY.....  
WM. SCHWING.....  
W. STEPHENS.....

Resigned. Wounded at Williamsburg, Va.  
Disabled from wounds—retired.  
Served to close of War.

**First Lieutenants.**

ROBERT DUNCAN.....  
T. J. KEY.....

Accidentally shot himself and died from wound.  
Resigned.



P. H. BIRCH.....

Resigned.

WILLIAN SCHWING.....

Promoted Captain.

W. STEPHENS.....

Promoted Captain.

**Second Lieutenants.**

THOS. J. KEY.....

Promoted First Lieutenant.

P. H. BIRCH.....

Promoted First Lieutenant.

WILLIAM SCHWING .....

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— GEOGHEHAN.....

Promoted First Lieutenant.

WILLIAM STEPHENS.....

Promoted First Lieutenant.

**Junior Second Lieutenants.**

P. H. BIRCH.....

Promoted Second Lieutenant.

WILLIAM SCHWING.....

Promoted Second Lieutenant.

— GEOHEGHAN.....

Promoted Second Lieutenant.

WILLIAM STEPHENS.....

Promoted Second Lieutenant.

**Captains Company E.**

J. W. SMITH.....

Promoted Surgeon.

LEM. R. MULLINS.....

Died.

JAS. H. DUNCAN.....

Promoted Major.

C. F. JONES.....

**First Lieutenants.**

LEM. R. MULLINS.....

Promoted Captain.

JAS H. DUNCAN.....

Promoted Captain.

COLUMBUS F. JONES.....

Promoted Captain.

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JAS. H. DUNCAN.....

Promoted First Lieutenant.

C. F. JONES .....

Promoted First Lieutenant.

**Junior Second Lieutenants.**

JAS. H. DUNCAN .....

Promoted Second Lieutenant.

C. F. JONES.....

Promoted Second Lieutenant.

— BIGGERS .....

Promoted Second Lieutenant.

**Captains Company F.**

W. G. VAUGHN .....

Promoted Major.

R. H. PHIPPS.....

Promoted Major.

**First Lieutenants.**

R. W. PHIPPS .....

Promoted Captain.

A. T. OWEN.....

Promoted Captain A. C. S.

**Second Lieutenants.**

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Promoted First Lieutenant.

— BURNEY.....



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R. BOWEN .....	Promoted Second Lieutenant.	
<b>Captains Company K.</b>		
W. H. H. TISON .....	Promoted Colonel —th Mississippi Regiment.	
R. H. ALLEN .....	Promoted Major —th Mississippi Regiment of Cavalry.	
— ROWAN .....		
<b>First Lieutenants.</b>		
— TOPP .....	Resigned.	
R. H. ALLEN .....	Promoted Captain.	
— ROWAN .....	Promoted Captain.	
— AGNEW .....		
<b>Second Lieutenants.</b>		
R. H. ALLEN .....	Promoted First Lieutenant.	
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### Brigades in which the 19th Mississippi Regiment Served.

COMMANDER.	FROM.	TO.	REGIMENTS AND BATTERY COMPOSING BRIGADE.
E. KIRBY SMITH.....	July 12, '61	July 22, '61	19th Miss., 38th Va., 9th, 10th and 11th Alabama Reg'ts; Thomas Battery
JNO. H. FORNEY.....	July 22, '61	Dec. 20, '61	19th Miss., 38th Va., 9th, 10th & 11th Alabama Reg'ts; Thomas Battery.
C. M. WILCOX.....	Dec. 21, '61	June 18, '62	19th Miss., 38th Va., 9th, 10th and 11th, Ala. Reg'ts; Anderson's Va. Battery.
W.S. FEATHERSTON, .....	June 18, '62	Jan'y 15, '63	19th, 12th, 16th and 48th, (or 2d Miss. Bat'ln) Miss. Reg'ts; 3d Va. Howitzers.
CARNOT POSEY.....	Jan'y 18, '63	Oct. 15, '63	19th, 12th, 16th and 48th, (or 2d Miss. Bat'ln) Miss. Reg'ts; 3d Va. Howitzers.
N. H. HARRIS.....	Oct. 14, '63	April 9, '65	19th, 12th, 16th and 48th, (or 2d Miss. Bat'ln) Miss. Reg'ts; 3d Va. Howitzers.

Dear Sir:

The foregoing Roster of the Commissioned Officers and Non-Commissioned Staff of the 19th Regiment of Mississippi Volunteers, I prepared from memory. Please correct any errors that you may detect, and add anything that may occur to your memory that will make it more perfect, and return to the undersigned. It is desirable also that full rolls of every Company be furnished, giving (in tabulated form,) the names of each Non-Commissioned Officer and Private, and under the head of "Remarks," give "Date of Enlistment, Battles Participated in, Wounds, Discharged, Died of Wounds, Died from Disease, Served out the War," etc., etc. This information is requested by Col. J. F. H. Claiborne for the history of Mississippi that he is now writing.

VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI, Feb'y, 1878.

Yours, Very Truly,

**N. H. HARRIS,**

Lock Box, No. 195.